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11. (C) Following up on Post's March 12 diplomatic note in support of OPIC's program for affordable housing in the West Bank, CDA delivered reftel points during an April 8 meeting with MFA U/S Khaled Al-Jarallah. CDA recommended the program to Al-Jarallah and suggested that the GOK could direct USD 30 to 40 million of its existing Palestinian aid pledge to support it. CDA also informed Al-Jarallah that, in her capacity as a trustee of the Aspen Institute, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had recommended the

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program during her February 18 meeting with the Kuwaiti Prime Minister. Al-Jarallah was unaware of the proposal but said it was "possible" that the GOK might participate and promised to consult with the Prime Minister.

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